

# SENATE . . . . . No. 360

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

**Richard R. Tisei**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to voter identification.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Richard R. Tisei	Middlesex and Essex
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Michael R. Knapik	Second Hampden and Hampshire
Robert L. Hedlund	Plymouth and Norfolk
Scott P. Brown	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00464 OF 2007-2008.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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### **AN ACT RELATIVE TO VOTER IDENTIFICATION.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by striking out section 76 and inserting in place thereof a new section 76:-

3       Section 76. Each voter desiring to vote at a polling place shall give his name and his  
4 residence to one of the officers at the entrance to the space within the guard rail, who shall  
5 thereupon distinctly announce the same. If such name is found on the voting list, the election  
6 officer shall check and repeat the name and shall require the voter to show  
7 identification. Acceptable forms of identification shall be a social security card or any other  
8 pre-printed form of identification providing the name and either address, signature, or  
9 photograph. After the voter's identification has been verified, the election officer shall admit the  
10 voter to the space enclosed by the guard rail and, in case official ballots, other than those marked  
11 "Challenged Ballots" as provided by section thirty-five A, are used, such voter shall be given one  
12 ballot. The use of electronic means such as tape recording equipment or radio broadcasting  
13 equipment for the recording or broadcasting of the names of voters not yet checked as having  
14 voted shall be prohibited.